

REMARKS

The objection to claims 1 and 5 is not understood. A device that selectively outputs a signal from one of said mixers can do so either by controlling the mixer or controlling the output. If the specification teaches controlling the output, it teaches generally the device to selectively output a signal from one of said mixers. Even if both mixers produce signals, only one of them is output.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 was rejected over a combination of two references and the argument that mere duplication is always unpatentable. Here, there is no reason or teaching to duplicate mixers. Therefore, there is no teaching in the art of a rationale to duplicate the mixers even if duplication in general would be obvious without any citing of a reference, which seems extremely unlikely.

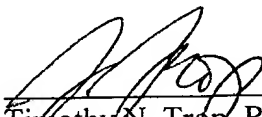
Moreover, the cited reference to Shuholm has nothing to do with mixers whatsoever. Merely selecting an output is not tantamount to having two mixers and controlling which mixer is output. Since Shuholm has nothing to do with a CODEC and nothing to do with mixers, he cannot teach selectively outputting the output from one mixer. More generally, no reference teaches more than one mixer or any reason to output only one of those mixers.

Therefore, a *prima facie* rejection is not made out.

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